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BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Giovanni TRAVERSO
VIRTUAL CONCATENATION OF OPTICAL CHANNELS IN WDM NETWORKS
Assignee: ALCATEL
Our Ref. Q65519

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09/911625
07/25/01

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above including 14 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 3 sheet(s) of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is the Information Disclosure Statement and PTO form 1449, and Preliminary Amendment.

**PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE
CALCULATING THE FEE**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	11 - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	4 - 3	=	1	x	\$80.00	=	\$80.00
Base Fee							\$710.00

TOTAL FILING FEE	\$790.00
Recordation of Assignment	\$40.00
TOTAL FEE	\$830.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$790.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from July 28, 2000 based on Italian Application No. MI2000A001731. The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
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